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Community *notes*

KidsDay

KidsDay, the fun, annual welcome-to-summer event designed for kids and hosted by Columbia Association (CA), returns on Saturday, June 11, with a party from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Columbia SportsPark (5453 Harpers Farm Road, toward the back of the Harper's Choice Village Center). KidsDay is open to the public. Just show up and enjoy a day of fun activities designed for kids and parents to enjoy together. There will be mini-golf, all-you-can-hit batting cages, and numerous fun offerings available and free to all, including arts and crafts, a moon bounces, Zumba® for kids, face painting, animal balloons, dance music, and a photo booth.

Concessions will be available for purchase, including food, beverages, snacks and ice cream. Door prizes will also be held during KidsDay. More information can be found at the [website](#).

Shakespeare in The Ruins

The [Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's](#) summer offerings include *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Three Musketeers*. See these classic tales come to life during unique outdoor theatre experiences. The summer theater season begins on Friday, June 10 and runs through Sunday, July 24 in the PFI Historic Park, 3691 Sarah's Lane, Ellicott City. Tickets are available on the [website](#). For more information, you can contact the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company by phone at 410-244-8571 or by [email](#).

Greeting

With Summer upon us, you may enjoy some cool indoor activities or some amazing outdoor events that are highlighted in this week's newsletter.

On Saturday, [ARTreach 2016](#) showcases many fun and fascinating creative activities for the entire family.

Mary Kay

Star Party

What could be more fun than a night under the stars! On Saturday, June 11, from 8:35 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., come enjoy the night sky through telescopes set up by The [Howard Astronomical League](#) (HAL). At this relaxed, free, family event, view live images on a big screen as seen through the Watson Telescope in HAL's new observatory in Alpha Ridge Park, at 1165 Old Frederick Road, Marriottsville. If you would like more information, please contact Danielle Bassett, with the Department of Recreation & Parks, at 410-313-4634 or by [email](#). What a great way to appreciate the mysteries of the universe, practically from your own back yard.



Silk Road Stories



The Columbia Festival of the Arts brings to us another stellar set of programs through its summer festival, *Silk Road Stories*, from Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 26. More information is available at the [website](#).

Stoop Storytelling Series

This Friday, June 10, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., enjoy "Stories from Abroad" at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia. With the theme Stoop shows are intimate and surprising, wonderful and weird, hilarious and heartbreaking...and a few individuals will be invited from the audience. [Tickets](#) are \$15.00 per person.

Sejoon Park, Classic Pianist

On Saturday, June 11, from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., Sejoon Park will wow the audience at the Horowitz Center, Howard Community College. Born to cellist parents in Seoul, Korea, and he made his debut with Korea's Busan Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of ten... and now he's bringing his considerable talent to Howard County. [Tickets](#) are \$18.00 each.

The Sundance Film Festival Shorts On Tour

At the Horowitz Center, Howard Community College, on Sunday, June 12 at 1:00 & 4:00 p.m., experience part of the legendary Sundance Festival firsthand. [Tickets](#) are available online. The 2016 Sundance Film Festival Short Film Tour is a 95-minute theatrical program of eight short films selected from this year's Festival.

Koresh Dance Company: Mezze

See this internationally-acclaimed modern dance company hailed by Philadelphia Inquirer as, "typically turbocharged-because when the dust settles after a Koresh concert, you must leave bedazzled." Friday, June 17 at 8:00 p.m., at the Jim Rouse Theatre, [tickets](#) are \$45/\$40/\$30.

Bollywood Spectacular! Mystic India: The World Tour

On Saturday, June 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jim Rouse Theatre, visit Asia without ever leaving home. Immersive colors, rhythms, and songs tell an authentic story of modern India. Featuring renowned Indian musicians, dancers, aerialists, and acrobats, and 750 opulent costumes, Urban Asia said of this show, "few spectacles are so global in appeal." [Tickets](#) range from \$35.00 to \$55.00.



Roger Carter Community Center Party

Celebrate the [Roger Carter Community Center's](#) third anniversary with a variety of activities: crafts, music, snowballs and birthday cake on Saturday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.

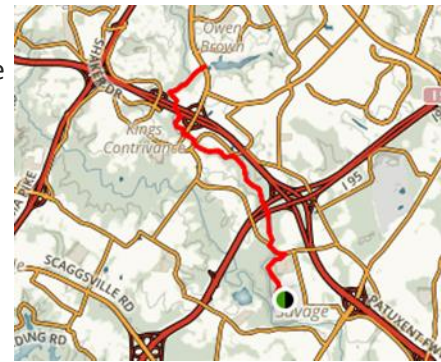
North Laurel Connections Public Meeting

Howard County Office of Transportation hosts a public meeting to discuss [North Laurel Connections](#) preliminary designs. The goal of this project is to develop 30% design documents for a series of on/off road facilities to improve connections from the Patuxent Branch Trail trailhead at Savage Park to the North Laurel Community Center, continuing to the Laurel Race Track MARC Station and the Laurel MARC Station.

The Office of Transportation requests public input on the preliminary design

drawings, to make sure that the project serves the community in the best and most efficient way possible. Please join the conversation on

Wednesday, June 15 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the North Laurel Community Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel). For more information, visit the [project page](#).



Travelin' Bands

Bands will be performing at various dates and locations around Howard County from Friday, June 24, through Friday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. These concerts are free and were selected to appeal to a wide range of musical tastes. Below are several bands in the series:

June 24 [Rhythm Method](#) (Classic R&B)
East Columbia Library Park, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
July 29 [Sons of Pirates](#) (Buffett Tribute)
Schooley Mill Park, 12975 Hall Shop Road, Highland
August 2 [Ocho de Bastos](#) (Latin Rock)
North Laurel Community Center, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road

See the online [calendar](#) for the complete summer concert series schedule and more details. Schedules are subject to change, if the weather necessitates it. For a recorded announcement about cancellation call 410-313-4451 after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the performance.

Upcoming Events

Prepare for Mosquito Season

The Columbia Association hosts a "Combating Mosquitoes-Resident Workshop and Information Session" at The Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia) on Tuesday, June 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Learn about mosquitoes and how to curb mosquito breeding in your neighborhood; make a trap to capture adult mosquitoes in your yard. The event is free, but requires [registration](#). For more information, please contact Joan Lancos with the Hickory Ridge Community Association at 410-730-7327 or by [email](#).

Howard County Arts Council Summer Camp

Are you looking for a fun and creative summer program for your child? Registration is now open for the Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camps with HCAC. Choose from a wide range of creative opportunities including Art from Nature, Puppetry, Myths Come Alive, and much more. Camps are open to students entering grades K-7. Full- or half-day sessions and before- and after-care are available. Session one begins on Monday, June 20. For complete details or to register visit the [Summer Camp page](#).

New Art Exhibit

The annual *Resident Visual Artists Exhibit* showcases recent work in a variety of media by artists with studios at the Howard County Center for the Arts. This season's work features Howard High School student photography. Join HCAC for a free reception on Thursday, June 16, which includes entertainment by All County Improv at 6:30 p.m. and Resident Artists' Open Studios from 7:00-8:00 p.m. To learn more, visit the [Exhibits page](#).

Clarksville Picnic

The [Clarksville Picnic](#), sponsored by St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, is a tradition that celebrates its 138th year in 2016. The picnic is on Saturday, June 25 at 12500 Clarksville Pike, Clarksville. The church is looking for volunteers to assist in making this historic community event a success. If you are interested in getting involved, see their [website](#) for a listing of their needs. Their volunteer coordinator, Suzy Hill, can be reached at 443-253-1054 or by [email](#). Otherwise, feel free to attend this fun, family event as guest.

CPR Training

Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) offers [Hands-Only CPR training](#) at no cost to Howard County residents, employees, and visitors. The following upcoming sessions are at the Gateway Building, at 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Classroom 401, Columbia:

Wednesday, June 29: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To learn how to assist someone going into cardiac arrest, register on the [website](#), by [email](#), or by calling 410-313-2016.

Roving Radish – Volunteers Needed

The [Roving Radish](#) promotes local farms and healthy eating. Their mission is provide healthy food options affordably to Howard County residents... and they would love your help. Each week from spring to fall, the Roving Radish program buys regionally grown food straight from the farm and prepares meal kits that are easy to cook, since most of the prep work has been done. [Volunteers](#) are needed to help wash and prepare vegetables and assemble the kits. Volunteering with Roving Radish is best for adults, but minors age 16 and up can participate with a parent's permission. Younger children are only allowed if accompanied by a volunteering adult.



The Roving Radish meal kit prep is done in Glenwood, MD at the Old Bushy Park school. To sign up, visit hoco volunteer.org and click on the Roving Radish box on the front page. All volunteers must fill out the on-line application and make an account on the website.

The Roving Radish is a partnership between Howard County government, the Horizon Foundation, the United Way, and Howard County General Hospital. If you have questions, please contact James Zoller by [email](#).

Vendor Applications Accepted

Howard County's [50+Expo](#) is accepting applications from vendors and sponsors. To become involved, fax a completed applications to 410-313-5950 or mail to: 50+EXPO 2016, c/o Donna Tugwell, Howard County Office on Aging, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 211, Columbia, MD 21046. The event will take place on Monday, October 31, 2016 at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia. For more information, feel free to visit the [website](#) or contact Lisa Coster, Event Coordinator, at 410-442-3734 or by [email](#).



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